

To whom it may concern:

As a tax paying citizen of Massachusetts, I am writing to express my concern and disapproval of tax subsidies going to commercial biomass plants, which are not "green", as the owners would like you to believe. I ask that you please do the following:

1. Stop directing taxpayer funded "clean" energy renewable energy credits and incentives to dirty wood burning biomass plants and instead, direct them towards genuinely clean energy alternatives such as solar, geothermal, appropriately located wind and hydro, and conservation and efficiency measures.
2. Stop permitting new wood burning biomass electric plants and stop promoting and giving incentives to other wood burning biomass plants.
3. Take a harder look at the carbon impacts of CHP (combined Heat and Power) biomass plants. The Manomet study used unreasonable assumptions to make forest burning biomass look "less bad" than it really is. The model needs to be more realistic to match the true carbon effects of biomass.

As an asthmatic, I am deeply concerned that the air we breathe is becoming less healthy. This must stop.

Thank you.
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